

**Special Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas,
March 7, 2006, 5:45 p.m.**

The City of Leon Valley, Texas, met in a Workshop Session on the 7th day of March 2006 at 5:45 p.m., at the Leon Valley Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

Call to Order

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following Council members were present: Maloy, Lange, Semmelmann, Dean and Rangel.

City Manager Cortes, City Secretary Feutz, Fire Chief Irwin, Chief Oakes, Assistant Chief Wallace, City Accountant Wallace, Library Director Trent, Community Development Director Smith, Economic Development Liaison Caldera, and Assistant Public Works Director Steele were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Riley.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Briefing

Mayor Riley announced that three members from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) would be presenting information on water contamination: Kelly Cook, Technical Specialist from the TCEQ Remediation Division, Robert Musick, Project Manager for the TCEQ Remediation Division, and John Flores the Community Relations Coordinator for the Remediation Division.

Mr. Cook explained that Leon Valley had been investigated and a contamination plume was detected indicating the presence of tetra/trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE) contaminants in the water about one mile long and one-half mile wide. He explained that the TCE was a contaminant typically from dry cleaning processes and the PCE was typically a solvent from automotive services, possibly from products used as a degreaser.

He explained that a definitive source of the contamination had not been identified, and that Federal funding was needed to put in monitor wells, identify a source of contamination, begin clean up of contamination, and to make sure that the water remains safe to drink and remains clean. Mr. Cook explained that part of the Remediation Division's mission was to apply for the grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Cook assured the Council that the City's well water was safe to drink. He stated that eleven private wells were investigated and of those, six had contamination levels over the health-based standard levels and five of those wells received carbon filters that are still being monitored. He further stated that one of the six wells did not want to have the filters installed because the water was used for irrigation purposes, not drinking. Mr. Cook stated that the TCEQ would seek super fund moneys to provide a comprehensive remedial program for Leon Valley.

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Mr. Cook explained that a Federal Hazard Ranking Package was being prepared that will present the Leon Valley site as meeting the requirements for being put on a federal priority list to be considered for EPA funding. Mr. Cook stated that there would be a public meeting by EPA with the local government and the community to get everyone involved in the project.

Mr. Musick explained that the boundaries of the plume did not appear to be beyond the City of Leon Valley limits. Mr. Musick explained that the boundaries of the plume extended from Huebner Road near Leon Valley Elementary School down to UHL's storage on Grissom Road to El Verde Road to underneath City Hall. He explained that the center of the plume was just south of Bandera Road and Poss Road. He further explained that thirty-four wells were tested and only eleven wells had observable contamination. He further explained that the wells were monitored every six months and their filters were changed every six months.

Mr. Musick and Mr. Cook answered questions from Council regarding any health hazard to the Community. They explained how the wells with filters continue to be monitored; the challenges of the area's limestone geology affecting the location of the source; how the EPA works with the State in assessing the need for super fund moneys for water contamination remediation; and concerns for any spread of contamination.

Council expressed their concerns for what areas were affected and the chances of getting funding for the proposed remediation project. Mr. Cook stated that he thought the chances were good to have the Leon Valley case accepted for funding and Council was informed that the remediation project after funding approved could take a number of years rather than months.

Council asked what could be done to help support the TCEQ's proposal for submitting the Leon Valley case to the EPA and Mr. Cook recommended that a letter of support from the City may be helpful.

Council thanked members from TCEQ for bringing the information to their attention.

Mayor Riley announced that the next Council workshop would be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 5:45 p.m. for the City Manager's performance evaluation.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, Mayor Riley asked if there were any objections to the workshop being adjourned, hearing no objections, she announced that the workshop was adjourned. Time: 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary